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It's always sudsy in Philadelphia

▶ Patrons at Monk's Cafe raise a glass to Philly Beer Week.

- Philly Beer Week 2012 officially taps Friday
- City's fifth annual celebration of suds is first (and best) of its kind
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Brew you, America!

The annual celebration of suds has earned Philadelphia the title of 'America's Best Beer-Drinking City'
Tomorrow, the games begin

Two guys were sitting at Monk's Cafe, drinking a bottle of wine, when the idea hit. They shared some thoughts, made a few phone calls and within a month, Philly Beer Week was a reality.

At first, they wanted to call it Philadelphia Beer Week. They sobered up and soon came to their senses. "We can't call it Philadelphia Beer Week. It has to be Philly Beer Week," said Tom Peters who, along with Bruce Nichols, co-founded PBW in 2006. "We just wanted to show the rest of the world our deep beer culture."

So began the love story between the City of Brotherly Love and beer. When Philly Beer Week 2012 taps Friday at Independence Visitor Center, it will feature 2,000 different brews. It used to be a boastful slogan, but now it's fact. Yes, Ben Franklin, Philly is "America's Best Beer-Drinking City."

"Philadelphia is the model for what we consider the modern beer week," said Jay Brooks, 53, a noted beer week expert and syndicated columnist.

Some have debated whether Philadelphia is the originator of the beer week phenomenon. Not Peters. "No doubt," he said, when asked if PBW was the first. "Everyone knows Philly is the s—."

Still, there are some with legitimate claims. In 1992, Brooks launched a nine-day festival called Beerapalooza that morphed into San Francisco Beer Week. But it wasn't until Brooks visited the first Philly Beer Week, back in 2007, that everything changed — forever.

"I came back to San Francisco and said that we should be doing this here," Brooks said. "Philly was an inspiration. Any town that considers itself a beer town should have one."

Philly's influence doesn't end there. Peters is constantly traveling and meeting with Belgian distributors. One common request: Can we come to Philly Beer Week? His best story involves a tasting with Armand Debelder, owner of the famous Drie Fonteinen brewery in Beersel, Belgium.

"He told me, 'In Belgium, we understand that Belgium is the beer paradise of the world, but in my hometown people don't know as much about my beer as they do here. Philadelphia is the true beer paradise.'"

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▶ Beer Week co-founder and Monk's Cafe owner Tom Peters says he "wanted to show the rest of the world our deep beer culture."

More than tastings

It's the pure spectacle that sets Philly Beer Week apart from the copycats. The "weeklong" celebration (actually 10 days) is filled with wildly entertaining events, not just boring beer dinners.

- This year, Frankford Hall is doing a beer-themed version of Nickelodeon's "Double Dare."
- Of course, the main celebrity is the "Hammer of Glory." The HOG gets paraded around town with a reverence reserved for the Olympic Torch, and Beer Week can't begin until Mayor Michael Nutter is handed the baton.
- "People on the streets would see the hammer and know what it was," Brooks said, reflecting on his first visit. "That was impressive."

Quoted

"The Philly area is being known as a beer destination. They have really creative things going on in your neck of the woods."
JULIA HERZ, CRAFT BEER PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR THE BREWERS ASSOCIATION

"We don't worry about San Francisco. I think everyone sees what the best beer city in America is. They know Philly is the s—."
TOM PETERS, OWNER OF MONK'S CAFE AND PBW CO-FOUNDER

In the news

Daughter abandoned for calculus grade

A Lower Gwynedd man yesterday answered to charges of abandoning his 16-year-old because she received a bad grade in calculus class. Tuan Huynh, 47, pleaded guilty to endangering the welfare of a child. After an argument over grades on Feb. 22, he told the girl she could no longer live with the family and dropped her off near the Cheltenham Square Mall. METRO

In the news

Wheelchair hit-and-run

Police are looking for a suspect in a Kensington hit-and-run that left a wheelchair-bound man in critical condition Tuesday night. The victim, in his 50s, was riding an electric wheelchair across the 3000 block of Frankford Avenue shortly before 9 p.m. when a man driving a 1997 Chevrolet slammed into him, then ran from the scene. METRO

Three sexual assaults linked to single suspect

NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA. Investigators from the Special Victims Unit announced yesterday they have linked three sexual assaults between July 2010 and May 15 to a single suspect. He is described as a 25- to 35-year-old white man with piercings on his left eyebrow, right ear and tongue who drives a white pickup truck with ladder racks.

A woman, 24, accepted a ride from the man at 2:30 a.m. on Aug. 3, 2011. He forced her to a wooded area at 8000 Cresco Avenue and assaulted her. Two other women, aged 26 and 27, were allegedly assaulted at the same location under similar circumstances on July 16, 2010 and May 15 of this year. METRO/AW

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▶ Riders can drop off goods through June 15.

SEPTA's annual food drive begins next week

PHILADELPHIA. SEPTA will kick off its food drive for hungry residents in the region next Monday, officials announced yesterday. Employees and riders can drop off canned and boxed goods in marked barrels at 45 locations on the SEPTA system through June 15.

Officials said the drive is vital because many young people tend to miss meals in the summer with the absence of school lunch. "Hunger doesn't take a vacation," said Melanie Jumonville, chief operating officer of Philabundance. METRO/SDL

18 Tons of food collected last year, equal to 35,000 meals

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Kensington bust shuts down cocaine trafficking pipeline

Police seized 28 kilos from a Philly/Manhattan operation involving the Mexico-based Sinaloa cartel

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A three-month investigation by the city district attorney's office, with local and New York City DEA agents and members of various police departments, shut down a cocaine trafficking pipeline between Manhattan and Philadelphia involving members of the notorious Mexico-based Sinaloa cartel, authorities announced yesterday.

Police first learned of the activity when they made a series of arrests in September 2011 and one of the defendants became an informant. He led officers to a garage on the 3000 block of Martha Street in Kensington, where drugs were allegedly being sold. Authorities said that members of the ring moved about a quarter pound of cocaine every few weeks, distributing it throughout Philadelphia and New Jersey.

"Hopefully, this investigation will send a message to Philadelphians that we are doing something and to thugs selling poison on our streets that we are listening to your telephone lines."
DISTRICT ATTORNEY SETH WILLIAMS

Dubbing the investigation "Operation Martha's Vineyard," detectives tapped the phone of the garage's owner, Anibal Cruz, and made undercover buys there, authorities said. The information they gathered led them to higher players — and also alerted them to the times, dates and type of vehicles in which the drugs would be transported.

What they found

Seventeen people were arrested on May 13 and 20. Authorities allegedly netted the following:

- **28 kilos of cocaine** worth about $2.8 million, $300,000 in cash and five guns.
- **One motorcycle and 16 luxury vehicles,** including a Mercedes containing the cash that was parked inside a storage facility.

What chief of the district attorney's Dangerous Drug Offenders Unit, Jan McDermott, called "the first massive seizure" in the investigation occurred on Mother's Day, May 13. Police stopped a speeding Jeep Laredo in Northeast Philadelphia, recovered 10 kilos of cocaine from a compartment beneath the vehicle's floorboards and arrested Juan Rivera and Lisette Pechardo.

"What we found to be particular to this organization is these individuals would transport drugs through the turnpike in hidden compartments of vehicles," McDermott said. She said that, in an attempt to avoid apprehension, the suspects would drive to New York, park their vehicles in garages and travel to and from drug buys in taxis.

The arrests have brought light to a separate issue. "These compartments are becoming a big problem," McDermott said. "Garages throughout the city are installing them for the purpose of transporting drugs."

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Students, families rally for tuition vouchers

BIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ At a past rally for tuition vouchers, Philadelphians showed their support.

With school about to dismiss, Maleka Young finds herself in a precarious position without a school for her 8-year-old daughter to attend next September. Unable to get another scholarship for her to attend Catholic school, she was not chosen from a lottery for Daroff Charter School.

"I'm absolutely terrified of sending her to the neighborhood school because I'm worried about her safety," Young, a West Philadelphia resident, said yesterday at a rally in support of school choice and vouchers outside City Hall.

The crowd, made up mainly of students, was as diverse as the groups who organized it. The coalition includes Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, the Orthodox Union, Black Alliance for Educational Options and several other groups. They are trying to put heat on the state Legislature to reconsider vouchers — part of Gov. Tom Corbett's education reform package that failed to garner enough support last year in the House.

"I wish more kids could have the opportunity I have because it's made all the difference in my life," Chris Berry, an 11th-grader at Neumann Goretti Catholic High School, told the crowd.

Supporters of vouchers said they would enable students from low-income families to attend schools they would not normally have access to, while critics complain that taxpayer-funded vouchers would further deplete a public school system already on shaky financial footing.

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Percentage of Pennsylvania residents who oppose taxpayer-funded tuition vouchers, according to a poll released in September 2011 by the Pennsylvania State Education Association.

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New bill protects student athletes

MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Gov. Tom Corbett yesterday signed a bill to enhance protection for student athletes by requiring education about sudden cardiac arrest.

SCA is the leading killer of student athletes, claiming up to 7,000 lives each year nationally, officials said. The law requires coaches, trainers, student athletes and parents to learn the symptoms of SCA before they can participate in sports. It also orders that athletes with symptoms be screened by a medical professional before they can resume activity.

"Being sidelined for a game is better than being lost forever," Corbett said in a statement. "This is a law of prevention, born out of a painful loss and a spirit of generosity from these families who have seen beyond their own sorrow and found hope for others."

The law also requires coaches to complete an SCA training course each year through a Department of Health provider. The law takes effect in 60 days.

METRO/SDL

Recycling winners reap rewards

RITTENHOUSE SQUARE. Mayor Michael Nutter and Streets Department Commissioner Clarena Tolson yesterday presented prizes to the first round of winners of the Philadelphia Recycling Rewards Sweepstakes. Two first prize winners received 12 monthly SEPTA transpasses and five second prize winners were presented with a Target gift card. "This is right on time — I'm going on a family vacation in July," said second prize winner Lenore Branham. **METRO/AW**

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Call for apology as Obama says death camps were Polish

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▶ The White House "regrets" President Obama's reference to "Polish death camp."

President Barack Obama has caused an outcry in Poland after inadvertently describing a Nazi death camp as 'Polish'.

Leading Polish political figures have demanded an apology, saying the death camps were on Polish soil — but that it was under the control of the German army during World War II.

The White House yesterday said the president 'misspoke' and regretted the comment, but while the Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk stopped short of calling for an apology, he said he wanted to see a stronger expression of regret.

"The White House will apologize for the outrageous mistake."
RADOSLAW SIKORSKI, POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER

"I am convinced today that our American friends are capable of a stronger reaction than just the correction itself and the regret which we heard from the White House spokesman," Tusk said in a statement.

Obama made the misstep during a ceremony to posthumously award a Polish resistance fighter with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

At the ceremony, Obama told of Karski's efforts to draw attention to Nazi war crimes in Poland. He said: "Before one trip across enemy lines, resistance fighters told him that Jews were being murdered on a massive scale, and smuggled him into the Warsaw Ghetto and a Polish death camp to see for himself."

Poland suffered a brutal Nazi wartime regime and deny any responsibility for crimes committed on their soil. **METRO**

Manson family told to hand over murder tapes

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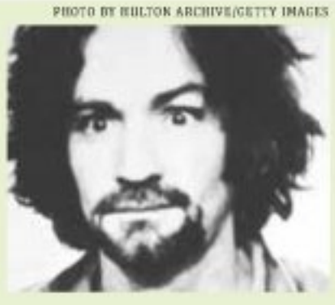

Taped conversations between Manson family killer Charles "Tex" Watson and a Texas lawyer in 1969 must be given to Los Angeles police investigating the cult's possible involvement in unsolved murders, a judge ruled yesterday.

Detectives are anxious to review some eight hours of discussions between lawyer Bill Boyd, now dead, and Watson recorded after the Charles Manson devotee's arrest for the infamous Tate-LaBianca murders, Los Angeles Police Commander Andrew Smith said.

But the release of the tapes was placed on hold for two weeks following an 11th-hour challenge by Watson's current attorney.
REUTERS

New LSD linked to face-eating attack in Miami

MIAMI. A Miami man fatally shot by police after he refused to stop gnawing on another man's face may have been under the influence of a new form of the 1960s hallucinatory drug LSD, a top police officer said yesterday.

Police are investigating the ghoulish weekend incident involving 31-year-old Rudy Eugene, who was found naked and chewing on the face and neck of his victim on the off-ramp of a bridge in downtown Miami.
REUTERS

Trump in spotlight over birther claims

Wacky businessman overshadows Romney moment with conspiracy theory Candidate denies agreement

Controversy over the "birther" movement hung over a meeting in Las Vegas between Mitt Romney and high-profile supporter Donald Trump, whose comments about President Barack Obama have put the Republican presidential candidate in an awkward spot.

Trump has again raised doubts about whether Obama was born in the United States, an issue that is most passionately pursued by conspiracy theorists and which Romney has tried to avoid as he focuses on attacking the White House's economy record.

"A lot of people are questioning his birth certificate," Trump said on CNBC on Tuesday.

"I've been known as being a very smart guy for a long time. ... There are some major questions here, and the press doesn't want to cover it."

Romney has said he believes Obama was born in the United States but he has drawn fire from Democrats for not distancing himself from Trump, who has alleged Obama was born in Kenya and is thus not eligible to be U.S. president.

Playing it up?

On a day when real estate and media mogul Donald Trump was trying to help Mitt Romney by stirring up a new round of questions about whether President Barack Obama was born in the United States, Romney's campaign released a copy of his own birth certificate.

Romney clinched the Republican nomination on Tuesday night in the Texas primary, where he picked up scores of delegates and reached the target of 1,144 needed.

The Obama campaign took aim at the Romney-Trump pairing by releasing a video "highlighting Mitt Romney's failure to condemn Donald Trump's over-the-line rhetoric."

"If Mitt Romney lacks the backbone to stand up to a charlatan like Donald Trump because he's so concerned about lining his campaign's pockets," the Obama campaign said in a statement, "what does that say about the kind of president he would be?"

"You know, I don't agree with all the people who support me," Romney said in response. **REUTERS**

Politics. Spelling

▶ Tweeter @StuckInActive shared the above image of loveable idiot Ralph from the cartoon "The Simpsons."

Mitt Romney: An 'Amercian' hero

The Mitt Romney campaign became the target of online mockery yesterday after its app "With Mitt" — which lets users upload photos of themselves underneath various campaign slogans — was caught misspelling "America." And a new wave of Internet memes was born! **METRO**

▶ Bush

Jeb Bush denies veep report

Former Florida governor Jeb Bush yesterday denied reports he had said he would seriously consider being Mitt Romney's running mate and said he wouldn't accept the nomination as would-be Vice President.

An Italian news agency, Linkiesta, claimed it had interviewed Bush earlier this week, reporting he had said he'd consider the role.

But a spokesman for Bush said yesterday: "Gov. Bush hasn't done an interview with them. The reporter pulled from some old U.S. news reports. I've asked the reporter to adjust his piece so it's clear he's reporting from US News. ... Nothing has changed, Gov. Bush will not be candidate for V.P." **METRO**

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▶ Coming home

More U.S. military veterans expect to look for work in coming months as they return to civilian life, many after being stationed in Afghanistan, but they are less confident about finding work that suits them, according to a new survey.

The twice-yearly survey, by Monster Worldwide Inc., found fewer than half of veterans consider themselves ready to move into civilian jobs. The number who say they are confident about finding suitable work fell to 29 percent from 44 percent six months ago.

Besides entering a tough U.S. labor market where job gains are barely keeping up with population growth, veterans are also facing more skeptical employers. Monster says part of the problem is a communications gap between veterans and employers, since many hiring managers do not understand what military work entails or what skills carry over to civilian jobs. Ex-military applicants, used to working in teams, don't always know how to sell themselves in an interview or take individual credit for accomplishments.

"When a vet transitions into the civilian community, the burden is going to fall on that veteran to learn the language of the civilian job-hiring community," said T.L. McCreary, president of Military.com.

The company surveyed 900 employers and more than 900 veterans who were transitioning to civilian life.

Some 200,000 service members transition to the civilian workforce each year, according to government data, but that is expected to rise to around 300,000 a year as the Pentagon pulls U.S. troops home from Afghanistan. REUTERS

39%

Only 39 percent of employers say veterans or those with prior military experience are prepared for a career change.

Law. WikiLeaks

▶ Supporters of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange rallied to no avail outside of the U.K. Supreme Court in London.

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Court OKs Assange extradition

Britain's Supreme Court ruled yesterday that WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange can be extradited to Sweden over alleged sex crimes, leaving the Australian with few legal options after an 18-month legal battle. The court gave his lawyers two weeks to contest their ruling. REUTERS

Inspectors say Iran cleaning up suspicious sites

VIENNA. U.N. nuclear inspectors displayed new satellite imagery yesterday indicating that some small buildings had been dismantled and other possible cleanup work was undertaken at an Iranian military site they want to visit.

One image from May 25 showed signs that "ground-scraping activities" had taken place at the Parchin facility, as well as the presence of a bulldozer, according to diplomats who attended a closed-door briefing by U.N. nuclear agency officials.

This will likely further strengthen Western suspicions that Iran is "sanitizing" the site of any incriminating evidence before allowing the International Atomic Energy Agency into the complex. "It is very clear," one Western envoy said. REUTERS

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Facebook's fall betrays tech industry optimism

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▶ Facebook officers Joanna Shields, Jonathan Labin and Christian Hernandez discuss the company's expansion into the Middle East and North African market.

Facebook Inc.'s stock, which has already lost $25 billion in value since its public debut, would have to drop another 20 percent for its valuation to match other companies that do business over the Internet.

Facebook, with a market capitalization of $79.1 billion, is trading at 29.5 times the company's projected 2014 profit of $2.69 billion, data compiled by Bloomberg show. The stock would have to dive to $23.07 to match the average price-to-earnings ratio for the Nasdaq Internet Index based on estimated earnings in the next 12 months, according to the data.

Investors have pummeled shares of Facebook since its initial public offering, citing concern over growth prospects for the largest social-networking service. Shareholders filed lawsuits that said the company and its underwriters overpriced Facebook at $38 a share. The IPO gave Facebook a higher multiple than 99 percent of the Standard Poor's 500 Index.

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Based on a trailing earnings of $974 million, Facebook trades at a price-to-earnings multiple of 81 times. The Nasdaq Internet Index, whose members include Amazon, Google, eBay and Yahoo!, has a ratio of 35.4 times profit in the past year and 23.5 times projected earnings.

"It could fall quite significantly, because it was priced at a significant premium," Sameet Sinha, an analyst at B. Riley & Co., said in a telephone interview yesterday. "Such stocks — when they go out of favor — tend to fall before stabilizing."

Facebook, based in Menlo Park, Calif., makes most of its revenue from advertising targeted to members who access the site on computers. The company didn't introduce a service for ads aimed at mobile users until March.

"We do not currently directly generate any meaningful revenue from the use of Facebook mobile products, and our ability to do so successfully is unproven," the company said in a regulatory filing earlier this month. BLOOMBERG

Zuckerberg booted from richest list

▶ Oh, Zuck!

Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook's co-founder and chief executive officer, is no longer one of the world's 40 richest people. The 28-year-old's fortune fell to $14.7 billion yesterday from $16.2 billion on May 25, as shares of the world's largest social-networking company dropped 9.6 percent. They slipped another 2.3 percent yesterday, cutting Zuckerberg's net worth to $14.4 billion. BLOOMBERG

Contracts near record for IPOs

Investors flocked to the options market to protect shares of Facebook from more losses, making contracts on the social network website the most popular among the biggest initial public offerings in the last decade.

A total of 202,938 puts to sell the company and 162,482 calls to buy changed hands yesterday as the contracts traded for the first time, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. The total of 365,420 compares with 65,213 traded after GM's IPO and 22,736 for Google Inc. in 2004, then the biggest Internet offering ever. BLOOMBERG

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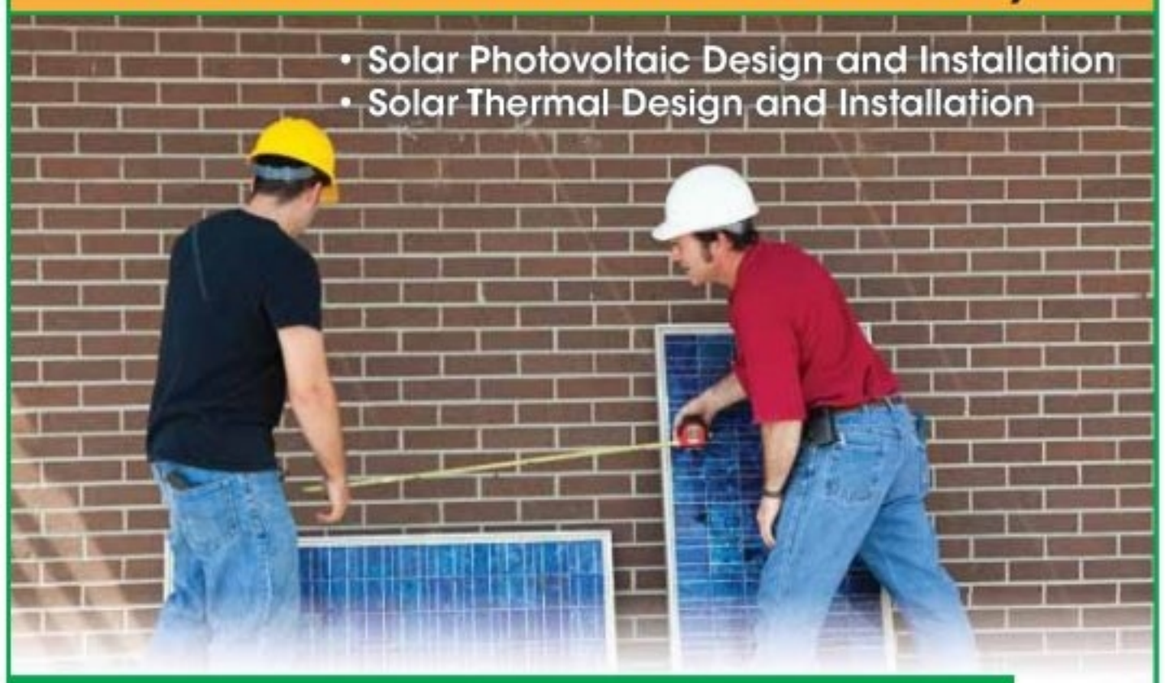

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Moves like Adam

Adam Levine is a curious creature. Since Maroon 5 started seeping its comfortable radio rock through the airwaves 10 years ago, the seemingly unremarkable frontman and "Voice" judge has dated his way through intellectual A-listers (**Natalie Portman**), fluffy pop princesses (**Jessica Simpson**, circa a very respectable 2006) and Victoria's Secret bombshells (**Anne Vyalitsyna**).

Is he cute and talented in a nonthreatening way? Sure. But we have a feeling his sparkling dating résumé is a result of professional-grade smooth talking, which he whipped out in a new interview with "Details" magazine.

"There's two kinds of men: There are men who are f—ing misogynist pigs, and then there are men who just really love women, who think they're the most amazing people in the world. And that's me," Levine tells the magazine.

But he's a rock star, so he's not perfect, of course. As for sleeping around, he muses, "Maybe the reason I was promiscuous, and wanted to sleep with a lot of them, is that I love them so much."

Laugh all you want, but when was the last time you turned off the bubblegum noise that is "Moves Like Jagger"? Adam Levine is in our heads, ladies.

▶ If Natalie Portman wasn't safe from this, no one is.

How did his garden grow?

When **Michelle Obama** went on "The Daily Show" Tuesday night to promote healthy eating and gardening, host **Jon Stewart** took the opportunity to talk herbs. She good-naturedly declined to give too many details on **President Obama**'s past pot smoking, but did say he stopped when he went to college.

"Like many young people," she said, "he realized he could do more with his life."

But did he realize Pringles were missing peanut butter? Didn't think so.

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▶ Obama

Prince Harry has a job opening

When **Prince William** sat down with **Katie Couric** for an interview, he said what recently married royals in line for the throne are supposed to say: "I'm very keen to have a family, and both **Catherine** and I are looking forward to having a family."

But more surprising is what younger brother **Harry** shared. "I've longed for kids since I was very, very young," said the prince with a reputation for looking hungover on the polo field. "And so I'm just waiting to find the right person, someone who's willing to take on the job."

Harry, we'd like to introduce you to America, where hot girls are willing to take on the job of letting **Donald Trump** touch them. Inquire within.

▶ Prince Harry

Our Badu!

Yesterday we enthused on **Wayne Coyne**'s weirdness hat trick of combining an odd new **Flaming Lips** cover ("The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face"), an unlikely collaborator (**Erykah Badu**) and some nude photos (of Badu, or so we thought!). Although Badu was in a few of the photos that Coyne tweeted, it turns out she wasn't the nude one, as Badu tweeted later in the day, "Those nude photos posted by Wayne (flaming lips) are of the beautiful **Nayrok** my lil sister and bestee. We do look alike. Video looks cosmic."

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Lady Gaga is losing it, Bob Newhart is remembering one of the greats, Steven Weber is bursting with ideas and Albert Brooks understands modern audiences.

@ladygaga: There's a bird outside my hotel room that sounds like a boiling teapot! I'm so confused! Keep thinking my Tea is ready then am disappointed!

@BobNewhart: Peter Sellers was probably the best film comedian ever. He was a complicated man haunted by powerful demons but an absolute comic genius.

@TheStevenWeber: I think "Pessimist" would be a good name for a urine-based hydrating spray.

@AlbertBrooks: Working on a new movie script where I'm leaving specific moments for the audience to tweet.

Weber

Talking points

Monaghan has strong words for 'Lost' co-star

There seems to be no love lost between former "Lost" co-stars **Dominic Monaghan** and **Matthew Fox**. When asked by a fan about Fox, who was arrested for driving under the influence earlier this month and was sued for assaulting a bus driver last year, Monaghan bluntly responded, "He beats women. Not isolated incidents. Often." When another fan pointed out that Monaghan was making quite a strong accusation, he responded, "An accusation is when you 'claim' someone did something wrong. I know."

▶ Monaghan

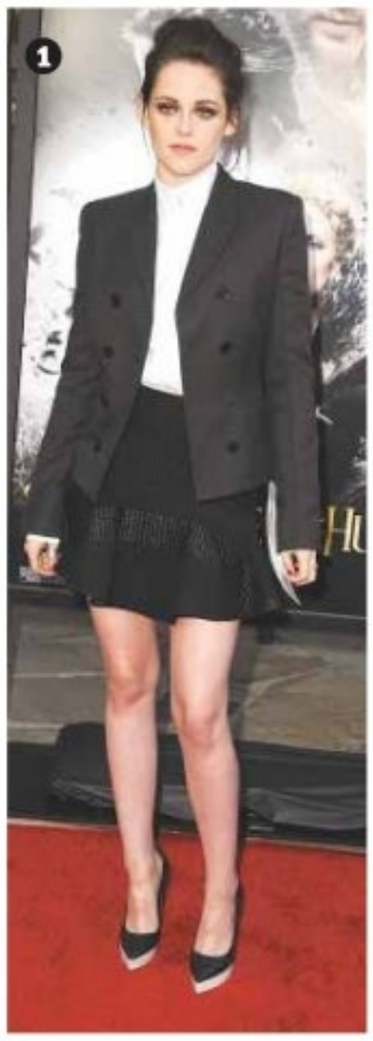
Blake Lively ready to 'Gossip' graduate

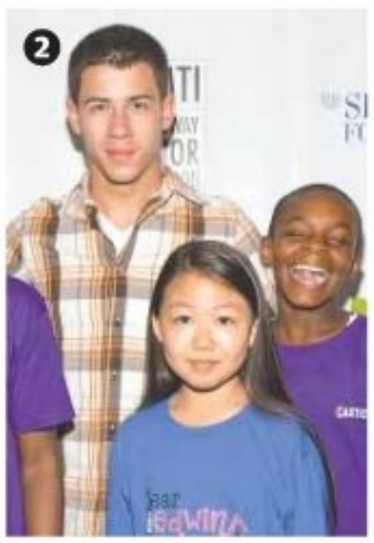
Blake Lively is getting ready to say goodbye to "Gossip Girl," the show that made her a star. "I think the best way to describe it is like someone who really enjoyed high school, and is like, I'm a senior and I can't wait for the next thing," she tells Bullett magazine. "As an actor who plays a caricature of myself on the show, I don't think I'd say, 'Watch Gossip Girl for my best quality of work.' But I am very lucky to have had that experience." But shouldn't Lively be worried about how her co-workers might take her remarks, especially with work starting on the show's final season this summer? "I'm not in the business of trying to win the approval of my cast members, my director or my audience," she insists.

▶ Lively

Charlize Theron digs diaper duty

Charlize Theron has been adjusting to parenting in a lot of ways, but that doesn't mean she's toned down her notoriously foul language. "A lot of people have sent me these children's books, and there's this amazing book, a best-seller called 'Go the F— to Sleep,'" Theron tells MTV News. "This book was good for me because it made me realize that I don't need to judge myself right now." One thing she has gotten the hang of, though, is diapers. "I'm available for other babies' diapers to be changed. I can do it in my sleep now. I'm so good."





Doing good, looking just as good

1. Kristen Stewart hit a screening of "Snow White And The Huntsman" on Tuesday night in Los Angeles. You might have a tough time smiling too if your feet went into your shoes at that angle.

2. On Tuesday, **Nick Jonas** hung out with kids from MTI Broadway JR. Student Program at the seventh annual Shubert Foundation in New York City.

3. Remember how we posted a picture of **Alec Baldwin** last week and said sympathetically that nobody ever looks good going to the airport? Well, it looks like **Jessica Alba** must be a faithful Metro reader, and a Metro reader who is out to prove us wrong, at that. She looked stunning yesterday as she headed to Heathrow Airport in London.

4. Amanda Palmer is pictured here performing at the 2012 Crossing Brooklyn Ferry Festival at the Brooklyn Academy of Music earlier this month. Sure, that's great and all, but what is really impressive is what Palmer did earlier this week. The singer, who got her start in Boston, managed to hit the $1 million mark for her Kickstarter campaign to fund her new album. You have until midnight to help her rope in even more funds.

5. Angelina Jolie looked quite stately when she met with government ministers ahead of a screening of her movie "In the Land of Blood and Honey" at the Foreign Commonwealth Office in London on Tuesday. Jolie spoke about the foreign secretary's initiative on preventing sexual violence.

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TV watch list

'Breaking Pointe'

REALITY. The grueling lead-up to performance day for the dancers in Salt Lake City's Ballet West company is full of the drama of dedicating one's life to art — but without any "Black Swan"-like breakdowns, in case you were wondering.
Series premiere, 8 p.m., The CW

'Mountain Men'

REALITY. After waking up to a "911" text from your boss at 6 a.m., perhaps the lifestyle of these men, who subsist solely on what they hunt and gather from the land, will be appealing — particularly the "unplugged" aspect of it.
Series premiere, 10 p.m., History Channel

'L.A. Hair'

REALITY. The biggest drama on this show following celebrity hairstylist Kim Kimble doesn't actually come from her clients — her customers include Beyonce and Shakira — but the stylists themselves.
Series premiere, 10 p.m., We tv

AMBER RAY

Five movies not to miss

Must-see

1 'Snow White and the Huntsman'
This year's second revival of the fairy tale about the fairest in the land and her seven little buddies is much grittier than its glossy predecessor, "Mirror Mirror." But with Charlize Theron starring as the terrifying Queen Ravenna and amazing special effects to keep your eyes busy, expect to be dazzled in amazingly creepy ways.

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▶ She may look dirty, but she's oh so pure. Kristen Stewart stars in "Snow White and the Huntsman."

2 'Men in Black 3' Agents J (Will Smith) and K (Tommy Lee Jones) are back in business, keeping alien life forms under control on Earth — that is, until K is mysteriously erased from existence and J must travel to 1969 to find young K (Josh Brolin) before things go awry.

3 'Chernobyl Diaries' Oren Peli, the mind behind the "Paranormal Activity" movies, presents the tale of six Americans on an "extreme tourism" trip to Pripyat, the town that was home to workers at the Chernobyl nuclear reactor. They inevitably find themselves stranded — but not alone.

4 'The Dictator' Sacha Baron Cohen is the juvenile leader of the African nation of Wadiya, who is replaced by a double during a coup in New York City.

5 'Battleship' In this adaptation of the board game, aliens invade from the sea. And if that doesn't float your boat, there's always Rihanna, Taylor Kitsch, Alexander Skarsgard and Brooklyn Decker to stare at.

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Play festival offers 'a little slice of life'

Ten minutes isn't much time to tell a story. It is just enough time, according to Luna Theater Company's producing artistic director Gregory Scott Campbell, to "get a little slice of life." Luna is offering 10 such slices in its 10-minute play festival to celebrate the company's 10th anniversary season.

The theme of Luna's current season has been "Identity Crisis," with two full-length plays — "How To Disappear Completely and Never Be Found" and "Bachelorette" — having dealt with the concept on a macro level. The festival was designed to explore the same theme "on a multi-micro level," according to Campbell. This year's plays tackle concepts ranging from family trauma to corporate drudgery to Catherine the Great in limbo.

AARON OSTER

▶ Kate Black-Regan and Haley McCormick star in the 10-minute "Cycles of the Moon."

Campbell originally conceived the festival while on the board of the Philadelphia Theatre Alliance, resulting in the Spark Festival. When that festival ceased to exist, he reclaimed the 10-minute festival idea for his own company. Seven of the 10 pieces will be directed by Luna, with the remaining contributions by partner companies Renegade, Bright Light and the Idiopathic Ridiculopathy Consortium.

Luna received 125 submissions, which they winnowed down to 10 based on quality, adherence to the theme and a match with Luna's mission of "producing intimate, intelligent, intense work," Campbell says. "And there's nothing more intimate than a 10-minute play."

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Philly's got talent

Live Arts Festival's new Jumpstart series is on the lookout for the next great thing This week's premiere program hopes to introduce pieces that 'approach live performance in a way that we've never seen'

With more than 200 noncurated shows running concurrently with the Live Arts Festival, the Philly Fringe can be difficult to navigate — even for the people behind the festival. With a new permanent building in the works and plans to present work year-round, Philadelphia Live Arts is inaugurating Jumpstart, a new series designed to discover and nurture new talent in the city.

"This is a way that I thought we could mine the community for new or younger talent that we might not otherwise come into contact with."
CRAIG PETERSON

"This is a way that I thought we could mine the community for new or younger talent that we might not otherwise come into contact with," says Live Arts Brewery and Philly Fringe director Craig Peterson.

The premiere program features a half-dozen short pieces offering a mix of dance and theater. Peterson explains that Live Arts was looking for "works that have a clear intention, that are forward-thinking, that perhaps approach live performance in a way that we've never seen before or is unique." Pieces include a dance-theater hybrid by Iranian-American choreographer Sahar Javedani exploring cultural identity; a racy piece by Headlong Performance Institute alum Ilse Zoerb; "Dirt Roads," a solo performance by 20-year-old poet/performer Jamarr Hall; and "Lessons for the Lobotomized," a comedy from The Brothers Beffa that follows a man who survived a traumatic head injury as he eases his way back into society with the "help" of a questionable psychologist.

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Peterson anticipates Jumpstart becoming a twice-annual series. Artists are auditioned live rather than via recorded submissions, which Peterson says is key to the process. "It gives people an opportunity to come in and show us what they're about and create a relationship face to face," he says. "It's a mutually beneficial relationship that can carry forward into the future."

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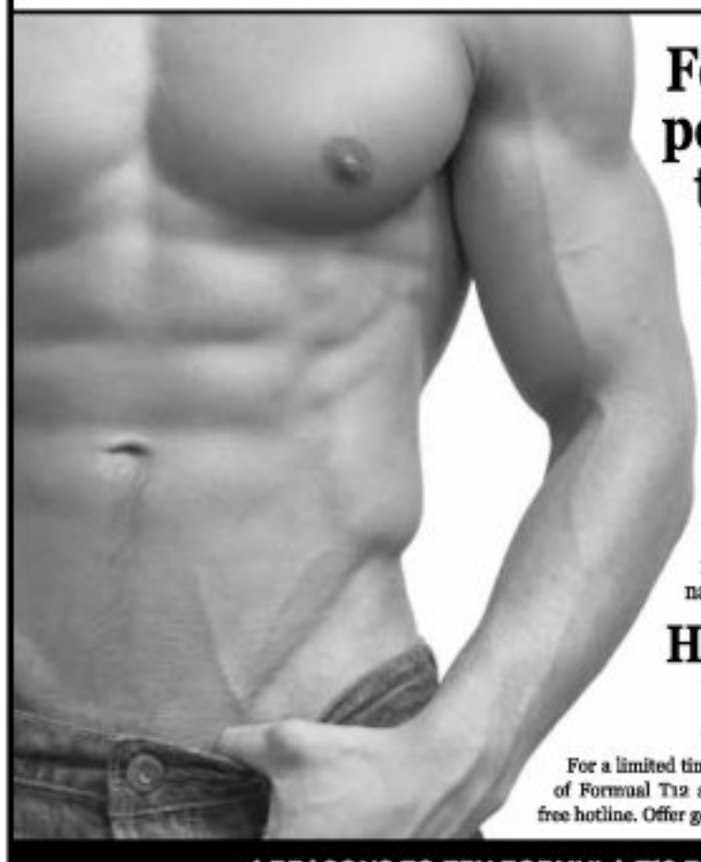

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Worthy of Style Me Pretty

Abby Larson, editor and founder of the stylish wedding website, on making your celebration Pinterest gold Hint: It's all about bringing the 'you' into your big day

"The weddings that stand out have both the bride and groom behind the wheel," says Larson.

They'll never forget eating dessert out of a pink trailer.

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"Watercolors are going to be really important," says Larson. "It brings this soft decor detail to your style."

Larson says: "If you can't find a meaningful favor, skip it."

If you're engaged, your daily routine likely includes logging on to Style Me Pretty about five times a day and pinning your favorite shots to your painstakingly curated Pinterest boards in hopes of creating the most gorgeous, talked-about affair — which will hopefully one day appear on the site and be the source of some other bride-to-be's obsession.

We talked to Abby Larson, founder and editor of the immensely popular wedding site, for tips on making your big day as swoon-worthy as the ones she features.

These days, decor is almost as important as a bride's look. What is the new striped paper straw craze of the wedding world?

The biggest thing is that people are really taking trends and are putting their own unique style on them. Using really interesting prints in your wedding day decor is really big right now, so it's not just all one-note colors.

I'm also seeing a lot of ombre, which is the fading of light to dark in color. We're seeing it a lot in wedding cakes with the top tier being a lighter shade and going all the way into a darker pink or a darker blue. But the best is ombre bridesmaids dresses. The bride gives each bridesmaid a little color swatch, and they choose a gown; when the girls come together, they have this beautiful spectrum of colors.

Think back to some of your favorite weddings. What are ideas or tips you discovered from them?

My favorite weddings of all time all have a very layered, textural approach to design. All the brides and grooms and the designers they chose to help them, if they did, approach their wedding style like they would their home decor. They brought in pieces, moments, ideas and colors that they really love and they wove them together to create a more intimate experience for their guests. I also really love the weddings of the couples who don't take themselves too seriously. Everyone should have a little bit of a smile at the wedding. It could be as simple as a hand-written note from the bride and groom thanking everyone for coming or it could be milk and cookies at the end of the night.

What are the coolest favors you have seen?

The best favors are the ones that really mean something and reflect who you are as a couple. I love when couples give small potted plants or succulents with a note telling people "Go home and start a garden and spread the love." A CD is always a great idea or replanting an herb with a favorite family recipe. If you can't find a meaningful favor, skip it.

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Abby's Philly picks

- Cliff Mautner (photo)
- Beautiful Blooms (floral design)
- Two Paper Dolls (invitations)

Etsy weddings and registry

Scrolling through Etsy for the right shade of pink paper flowers for your reception just got easier. The online marketplace recently underwent a redesign. Now on **Etsy.com/wedding** you can shop for the big day, find out about trends, read how-tos and get inspiration from real couples showcasing their unique weddings. Even better: Skip the big-box stores and register on the site, too. With Etsy's new registry, your home, like your wedding, will be 100 percent you.

Three wedding trends from Etsy

1. Bunting: LOVE Prop, $10, www.5280bliss.etsy.com
2. Personalized cake toppers: Cake bunting, $16, www.bluebirdandviolet.etsy.com
3. Alternative bouquets: Vintage Bible Book Bouquet, $145, www.jaymamalme.etsy.com

MVP tips from Larson

According to Larson, hiring a wedding planner might be the best decision you can make after saying "yes."

- "If I were to narrow it down to one tip I would give brides forever, it would be: Hire a wedding planner. They have long-standing relationships with vendors so they can get better deals for you. They know the best person to get things like ribbon and to rent your table linens and the person who does the best cupcakes. That information may not be online; it may be more privy to those who are in the industry."
- "If you can't afford a wedding planner, at least bring on a day-of person who you meet with three or four times prior to the event so that they really know what's going on and what your goals are."

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Forget this not

IT'S ALL ABOUT PERSONAL TOUCHES

- "DIY is still very important. So weddings — whether they are half-a-million-dollar affairs or $5,000 backyard weddings — are all having this sense of that personal touch. Ultimately, that's what sets weddings apart on SMP — knowing that there's a person behind this design, no matter what the budget is."
- "One of the big trends right now is to reinfuse the 'you' back into your design. Couples are becoming more comfortable with bucking tradition and doing things their way. You're seeing a lot less cookie-cutter weddings."
- "The bride is still the dominant player, but the weddings that really stand out have both the bride and the groom behind the wheel."

THE BEST PHOTOS

- "You have to understand the kind of photography that you like and choose the photographer that meshes with that. It's important that both of you know what you're expecting from each other. If you want to get your wedding published, make sure they get all those detail shots."
- "Also, try really hard to relax. No one has a camera following them around all day except on their wedding, so it can be unnerving. One way is to invite the photographer to get to know you a little bit before the big day. An engagement session is a great way for you to feel comfortable around the camera."

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WEDDING MAGIC

Two experts offer advice to make sure your big day is exactly how you envision it Because you need to spend the night shaking it on the dance floor rather than stressing about the appetizers

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Tips from an event designer

Matthew Robbins

Creative Director of Matthew Robbins Design, a contributing editor for Martha Stewart Weddings and author of the new book "Matthew Robbins' Inspired Weddings"

Where should couples start when planning the design of their big day?
The best place to start is to choose a season. This will dictate the choice of venue and your color palette. If you want an outdoor wedding or a reception in an old barn, you will go with warmer months like June through September. If a ballroom is your dream, you have more options for time of year.

What are some wallet-friendly design tips?
Choose a strong color palette and use this to carry your design ideas throughout the wedding. If you are going for blush, lilac and pewter gray, for example, give your bridesmaids a great pewter-toned dress and have each one carry a single bloom in a blush tone, such as a lovely pink hydrangea tied with a floppy silk ribbon. Fill your dinner tables with candles and accent with flowers rather than the standard, which is lots of flowers and candles to accent.

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What do you think is tacky?
Avoid colorful lights in your dining room. I always try to go for a warm white with a touch of amber. Keep your table linens elegant, but not over the top. Your tables aren't being dressed for a prom date, so they don't need layer upon layer — and the chairs don't need bows! Stay away from chair covers unless they really fit. Also, stay away from the towering ball of flowers for your centerpieces. This is tired, and you can come up with something much more original.

Foolproof design tricks

- **Always choose more than two colors or tones for your color palette.** This will create a more unique, custom look and feel for your party.
- **Keep the lights dim!** Even if you don't have the budget for over-the-top event lighting, choose a venue with decent in-house lights — but confirm they are all on a dimmer. Keep the lights at 50 percent for dinner and load up on candles. This always creates a dreamy, ambient space, and everyone will look great in this light.
- **A beautiful table creates the perfect welcome for guests.** Embellish the napkins with a single bloom or herbs such as a sprig of rosemary. Place a lovely votive on top of each menu. Create defined paths with lanterns filled with candles.

Tips from a caterer

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Jennifer Sohan

Director of catering and events at Benares in New York www.benaresnyc.com

How can couples find a good caterer?
You definitely want to go with someone who has been referred to you, someone who has done events for a friend or family member. Also, find out who has catered events at venues that you're interested in and meet with them. Venues have a list of vendors who have worked there in the past.

What should they look for in a caterer?
First, make sure you like the food. The caterer should be flexible; they should be able to provide you with various options and to show you pictures of past events. You shouldn't just go by what they say— you should see it firsthand. Ask: "Can I come to your next event?" Most caterers should be able to get you into an event for a short visit. This way you see what they are capable of pulling off and if it's what you're expecting. Also, make sure whoever you work with will be onsite during your event.

How can couples cut costs?
One great way is to ask if you can provide your own liquor, because then you control how much money you spend on the bar. Another great way is to have a specialty cocktail instead of a full bar. As far as food, passed hors d'oeuvres are more cost effective than stations. Stations have to always be full, and you end up throwing away a lot at the end of the night.

What are your thoughts on buffet vs. sit-down?
Both are great for different reasons. A sit-down is more elegant, but a buffet allows you to have more time on the dance floor and more options. So it depends on what kind of feel you want for your party.

What's the best way to ensure your food will taste great?
Do a tasting. Make sure you give your caterer detailed notes from your final tasting. If you have any special changes or requests, make sure that your caterer understands them.

Pro tip

- Do a walk-through close to the day of your event with your cater and your wedding planner or coordinator.

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2 Swap in a jeweled sash for some extra glam. **Sabina KW Design sash, $240, www.sabinakwdesign.etsy.com**

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Details too sweet to overlook: Three items we're loving

Rag & Bone Bindery Zinnia guestbook ($39) or 12 x 12 album ($98), www.ragandbonebindery.com

Sucre Shop wooden spoons, $8 for 20, www.sucreshop.etsy.com

Katie Fisher design The Story of Us (an illustrated story of how you and your fiance met) from $250, www.katiefischerdesign.com

mydating

Lessons in depravity

Author Heather Rutman's new book suggests that the only way for a single city girl to survive in the dating world is to make sure she gets hers, by whatever means necessary

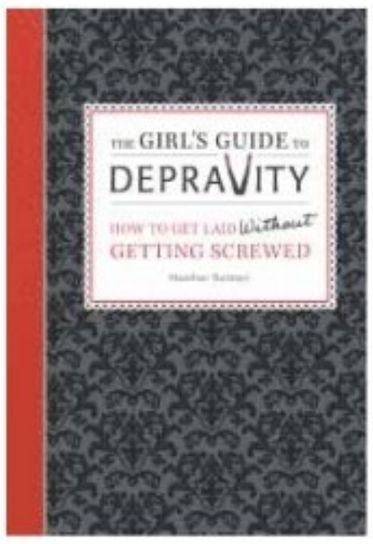
▶ Rutman

Any single girl can tell you that love is indeed a battlefield in the modern urban environment. The old dating playbook that recommends playing hard to get has become more tried than true. Men won't engage in the chase when there are so many other women willing to be a plaything. So what's a girl to do?

After getting dumped one time too many, former nice-girl Heather Rutman decided to change her ways. With her new book, "The Girl's Guide to Depravity," the Los Angeles native advises women to get tough, get gutsy and above all, don't be afraid to get dirty.

"Even if we tried to play by those rules, we still got f—ed over in the end," she says of traditional dating rules. "So you know what? Screw it. We're not going to deny ourselves all these impulses that we have to have sex with a guy on the first date or to ask him out first. You could wait 10 dates to have sex with a guy and he could ditch you on date 9, so you might as well have sex with him on the first date."

A pessimistic point of view? Sure. Rutman's advice includes



a guide for key medications a depraved girl needs (like Xanax, Ritalin and the ever-important Viagra). Her favorite chapters include those entitled "The Best Way to Get Over a Guy is to Get Under Another One" and "Flake on Him Before He Flakes on You."

She freely admits that her book offers a highly cynical and somewhat tongue-in-cheek perspective on dating, but she also alludes to what can come along when you're busy having fun.

"I think I'd be lying if I said that every woman doesn't want to find love in the end, but I think there's a lot to be said for [the idea that] when you stop looking for it, it happens," she says. "You can agonize over it and drive yourself crazy trying to find the right guy, or you can have fun and just kind of see what happens."

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Reader love notes

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▶ *RW, since April 13th we have been making our history together. Every day I fall deeper in LOVE with you Babe! XO LG*

▶ ***My Joey, I love you, but is love enough? We deserve happiness, together...forever. Te quiero mucho tu sabes Jill***

▶ *Jason, babes, we almost made it to a year. You opened my heart and I'll always love you. Work with me and let's have everything we ever talked about: Home, Puppies, Kids, Forever.*

▶ ***Words can't describe how much we've grown over these past few years. I'm glad that the three of us have become a family and I'm proud to call you my wife. I love you Anyae***

▶ *MARK-aka Most Awesome Romantic Kisser-Hope you smile when you read this, from your loving wife, Ginger*

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Political discourse has gotten nasty

RE: "WAR IS THE BEST WAY TO SPREAD PEACE?": Did Mr. Charles Michael Couch just call the presidential candidate an idiot? Or did he inadvertently introduce himself in the middle of a sentence? One thing is to legitimately criticize Mitt Romney's record as a businessman, governor or manager of the Olympics — or, for that matter, Barack Obama's record as the U.S. president or a member of the U.S. Senate. But it's quite a different thing to merely throw around verbal insults, especially totally unsubstantiated ones. It should be clear even to Mr. Couch that wanting a strong America and wanting to go to war are two quite different things — some might argue two opposite things. Beyond that, does Metro have any standards at all, just so that the discussion on these pages is kept to some civilized norms? I'm pretty sure the president himself would strongly disapprove such a language from one of his apparent supporters. Emotions running high and freedom of speech give no excuse for such an offensive tone. **GAROLD MINKIN, VIA E-MAIL**

Conservative stuffed-shirt George Will finally said something I agree with after all these years when he pronounced Donald Trump a "bloviating ignoramus" on "This Week." However, Will ought to be careful using such terms: It could be said of him that it takes one to know one. **JEFF D DUCAS, VIA E-MAIL**

Open season on Donald Trump?

It wasn't in the paper today but still bears comment: Donald Trump is at it again with his "birther" trash, people are believing it, and Romney is accepting Trump's money. It's scary. What kind of country is this place turning into, when lies are spread by those who have far more money than they need and believed by those who don't have enough? This is not the American dream. It is a nightmare. **PAUL SIMONS, PHILADELPHIA**

Now the Obama campaign is hitting Romney with Trump's "birther" claims! This is great! If Obama's people can go after Romney's association with Trump over the "birther" issue can the Republicans bring up all the bombers, communists, socialists and America-hating black racists Obama has been associated with in the past? **JOSEPH DUPONT, VIA E-MAIL**

Individual rights are all we've got

RE: "DISCRIMINATION OF SINGLES UNHEALTHY": I could not agree more with Hans Haugen. There is no such thing as women's rights, black rights, gay rights or any other type of group rights. There are only individual rights. Group rights promote a perverse theory that our rights are granted to us by the state. Rights are gifts from our creator; or, in the more secular view, rights come from our humanity. These rights, as John Locke observed, include life, liberty and property and the right to defend all three. The support for individual rights is far superior in all ways to the view that condones the use of government coercion to enforce a perverted view of liberty. **KELLY DONNOE, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Be selective with whom you associate and what activities you engage in. Your enjoyment of your day will be derived from quality, not quantity.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Make every effort to resolve any family differences as soon as possible. Unsettled disputes may be difficult to resolve, but they'll be even more so as time wears on.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** You could be overwhelmed by praise regarding something you accomplished. The accolades will be sincere appreciations of your unusual feat.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** The reason why so many things are coming your way at this time is because you innately understood one of the world's best secrets: In order to get, you must first give.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** The reason you'll be able to succeed where others are failing is because you will not get discouraged if things don't immediately go your way. Never be afraid to try, try again.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** If and when you choose to apply yourself, you can easily manage your financial or commercial matters with considerable skill. Instead of handing the reins to another, give it a go on your own.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Friends or associates will be looking to you to take charge of a matter that affects all of you. You won't want to let them down -- so be sure to step up.

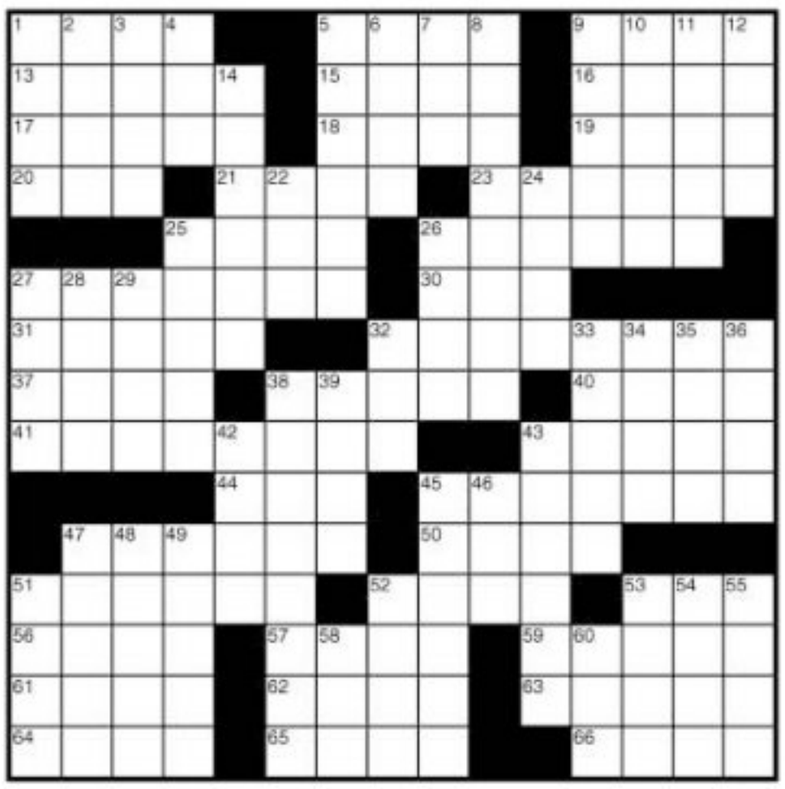
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Although the general drift of things might initially look to be going against you, don't give up too quickly. Chances are events will change in your favor.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Doing everything all by yourself could grow increasingly untenable as your day progresses. Try to find an amicable companion with whom you can share both your time and interests.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Make as many adjustments as you want to all situations that haven't been running smoothly lately. Conditions can always be altered to produce what you'd like.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Draw upon previously successful techniques regarding a partnership matter, and you should come out ahead. Past knowledge can be a helpful guide in facing the present.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Responsibilities you're dodging because you believe them to be a lot of work aren't likely to dissipate with time. The sooner you get them over with, the fewer headaches they'll give you. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**



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www.docksoysterhouse.com
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www.chefvolas.com
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Amada

500 Boardwalk, 855-348-0500
www.revelresorts.com
Chef Jose Garces' popular Philly-based Amada finally gets the view its Andalusian cuisine deserves in this fresh Jersey copy located in the sprawling Revel resort. Anthony Scuderi, chef de cuisine and a veteran of Garces kitchens, keeps the tapas tight, turning out the crab-stuffed piquillo peppers and the chorizo and clams that made the flagship famous.

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For the family

Dolphin Watching Adventure
June 1-Sept. 30
www.atlanticcitycruises.com
Atlantic City Cruises offers daily dolphin-watching tours from Gardner's Basin. In the rare case that you don't spot a dolphin, a free return-trip ticket will be awarded.

Shorelines and Shipwrecks Tour
Mondays, June 18-Sept. 3
www.gatrolley.com
Sea-lovers can venture out on a one-hour cruise around Historic Gardner's Basin. Back on land, visitors can sample seafood from Back Bay Ale House and visit the Atlantic City National Aquarium.

Splash of Atlantic City Tour
Wednesdays, June 20-Sept. 5
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Six-pack: This summer in Atlantic City

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Phish

1 Multicultural Festival
June 1-3
www.atlanticcitynj.com
This free, three-day festival will feature jazz and gospel performances, outdoor concerts on the beach and at Gardner's Basin, a parade of 100 floats and more.

2 Phish at Bader Field
June 15-17, www.baderfield2012.phish.com
The beloved jam band will perform three consecutive shows at Atlantic City's 142-acre Bader Field. Three-day tickets are available for $150, while single-day tickets are $60. Children younger than 6 will be admitted for free.

3 Metallica's Orion Festival
June 23-24
www.atlanticcitynj.com
The world-famous band will be headlining a festival featuring 22 other artists, including Modest Mouse, Cage the Elephant and The Jim Breuer Heavy Metal Comedy Tour. VIP passes are $750 and include unlimited access to seating in The Orion VIP Lounge.

4 Atlantic City Food and Wine Festival, July 27-29
www.acfoodandwine.com
Visitors to the fourth-annual Caesars Entertainment-hosted Atlantic City Food and Wine Festival will enjoy four days of events, tastings and celebrity chef appearances showcasing the city's abundant culinary offerings.

5 Atlantic City World Amateur Open, June 10-13
www.acgolfopen.com
Guests can compete in the Atlantic City World Amateur Open as an individual or as a two-player team in a 54-hole tournament stroke play competition and 18-hole championship playoff. Players can also enjoy nightly parties and entertainment.

6 2012 Ultimate Elvis Contest, June 9
www.legendsinconcert.com
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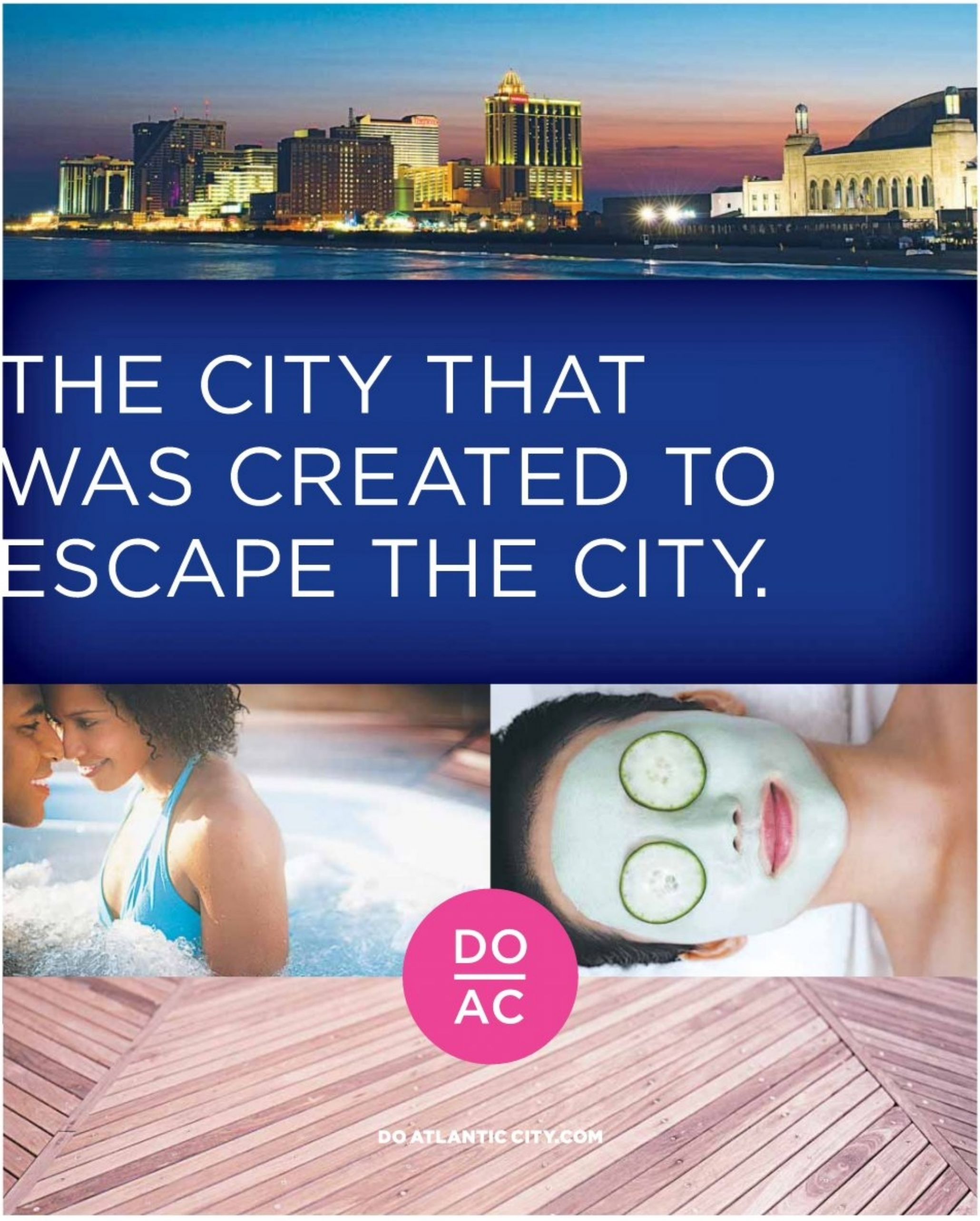
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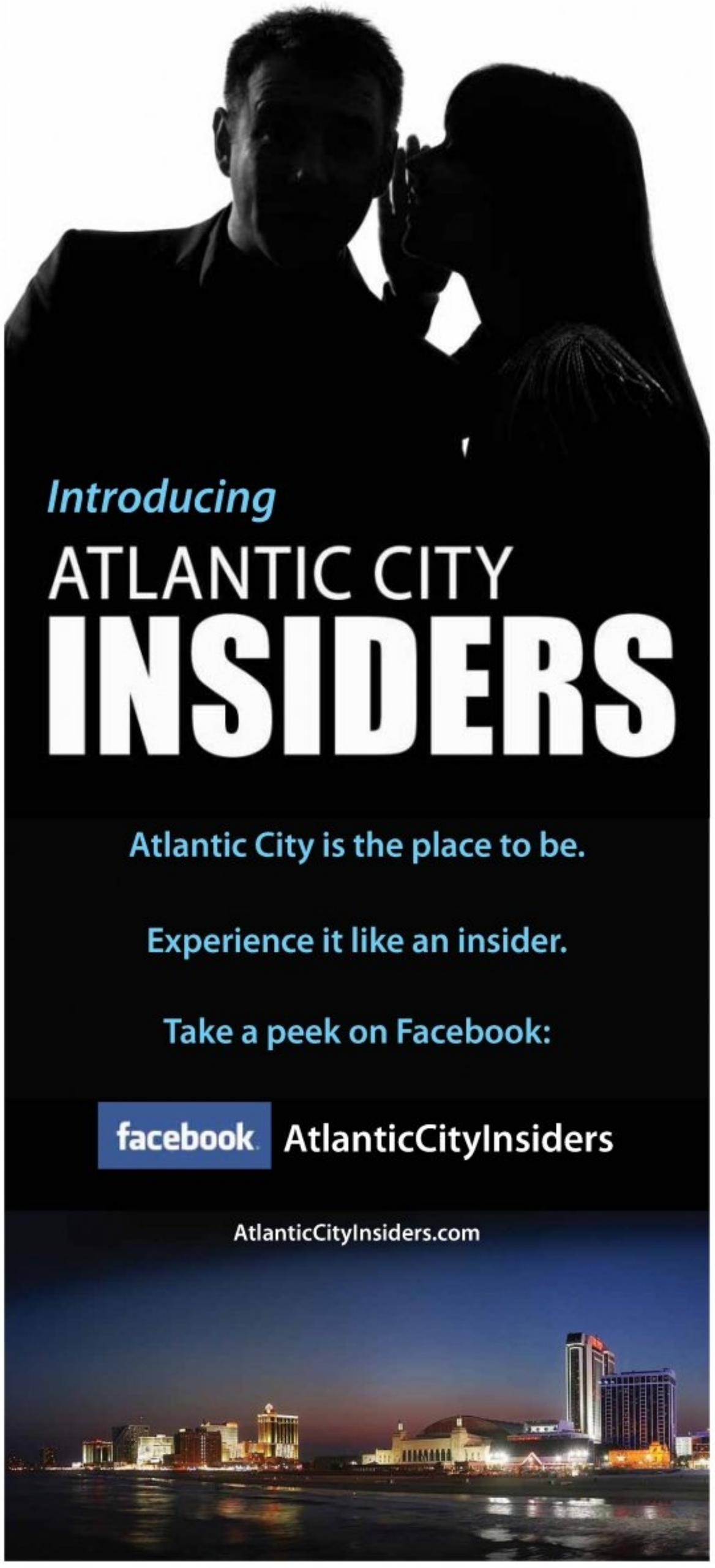

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Ovation Hall is a revelation

▶ Beyonce lights up the crowd at Revel's Ovation Hall.

Ovation Hall, the ultramodern theater at Revel resort, lets you get close while you get down

Can a casino theater seat 5,500 and still feel intimate? Ovation Hall at the recently opened Revel resort does just that. Designed by Sceno Plus, the technical wizards behind the Las Vegas Bellagio Theater's amphibious stage for Cirque du Soleil's splashy spectacular, "O," the 150,000-square-foot arena was conceived as a "one-of-a-kind transformable theatre" that could stage everything from concerts to sporting events.

During Ovation's inaugural show, Beyonce's Back to Business tour, the performers didn't skip a beat as backdrop screens smoothly rose and fell and set pieces swooped in and out of view. The main stage was framed by two large screens projecting crisp, live close-ups.

Upcoming shows:

Metro's picks

- **Def Leppard and Poison**
  July 14
- **The Gipsy Kings**
  Aug. 3
- **Barry Manilow**
  Sept. 8

But for all its technical marvels, the venue felt surprisingly cozy. According to a statement from Sceno Plus, Ovation Hall was "designed for the public to surround the stage and transmit the energy and emotions the artists need to perform and feel close to the audience."

After your show, we recommend cocktails at Village Whiskey, one of the quartet of Jose Garces restaurants at Revel. Removed from the bells and whistles of the casino floor, it's a place to relax, sample a flight of whiskeys and maybe even indulge in the famed foie gras burger.

Village Whiskey is so relaxed, in fact, that earlier this month the Philadelphia Flyers dined there mostly unbothered after a season-ending loss to longtime rivals the New Jersey Devils. After a neighboring table bought a round of whiskeys for the downtrodden team, the Flyers reciprocated with an order of deviled eggs.

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Spotlight: The Borgata

The cruise ship of casinos

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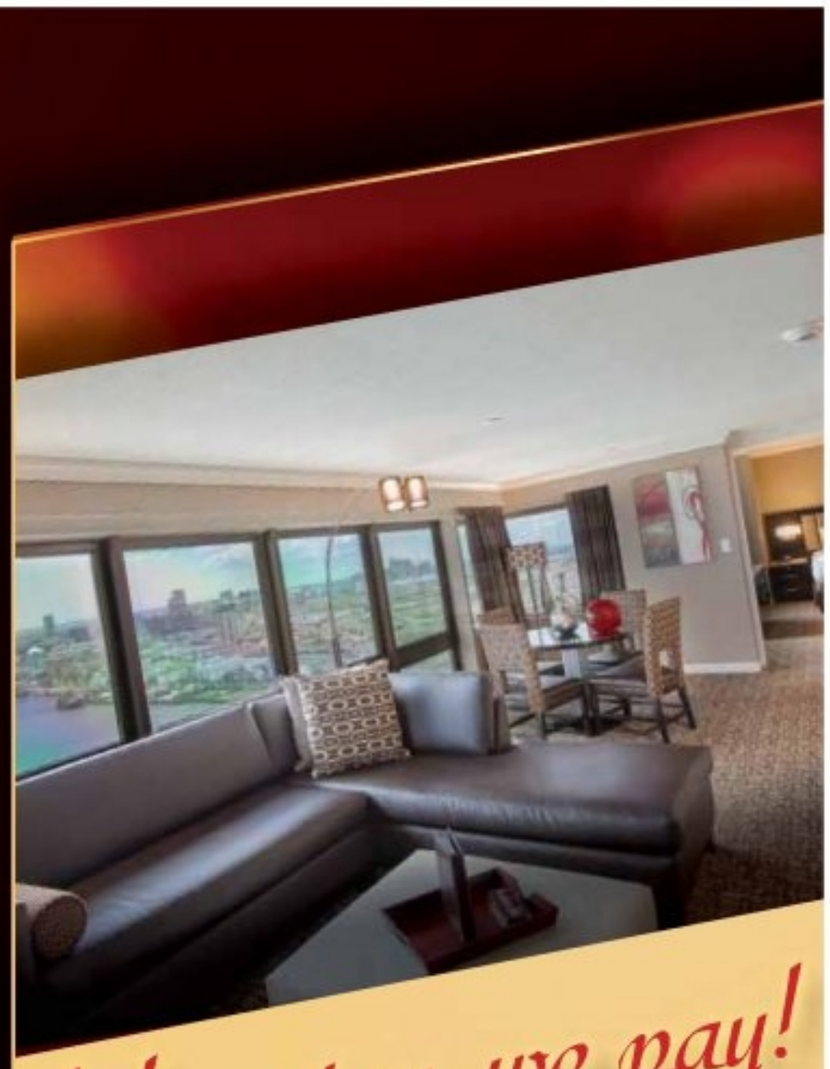

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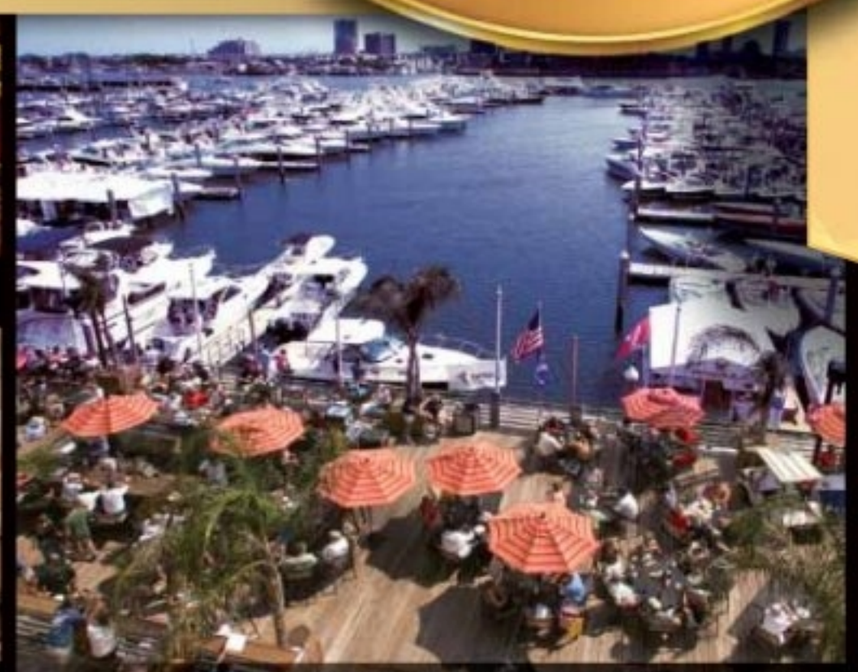
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▶ Jim Washburn in his second season as Eagles defensive line coach. His unit recorded an NFL-high 50 sacks last season.

Birds play their hearts out for 'Coach Wash'

▶ Defensive line coach gets most of players ▶ Stands by unconventional wide-nine ▶ Heaps praise on Cole

Jim Washburn. The name usually conjures up images of speed-rushing ends attacking quarterbacks — or, at least it should, if his wide-nine scheme is executed properly.

While that scheme became a source of frustration when the Eagles' defense struggled early in 2011, the defensive line coach is back for more. The Eagles actually tied for the NFL-lead in team sacks with 50. Now, Washburn's unit has the tools — and the time — to do more damage.

"Thing was, we were just rushing so much, trying to get everything in," Washburn said, referring to 2011. "It was just frustrating because I wasn't getting across to them exactly what we wanted. It took awhile. It was the same thing everyone went through last year, learning a new system."

The catalyst for all of that is Trent Cole. Washburn's eyes lit up recently when he began describing his stud end. The coach said he's been enamored with Cole since the two met at the Pro Bowl, some eight years ago.

"We went out to eat and starting talking about hunting and guns and stuff, and we hit it off," Washburn said. "I love the way he plays."

▶ Cole

Washburn is still mad he didn't do his homework when Cole entered the NFL draft.

"I'm sick since he got drafted here that I didn't study enough film on him," Washburn said. "He's really special. My guys in Tennessee got tired of hearing about Trent Cole. I'm really privileged to coach him. That's one of the reasons I wanted to come here, to get a chance to coach him."

And their relationship extends off the field, as well. Ask Washburn about Cole's offseason and he doesn't point to blitz packages or new workout routines.

"Trent just got back from a hunting trip in British Columbia and he killed a bear," Washburn said. "It's a good feeling."

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"Somebody said, 'Are you a role model?' I don't know, I'm a pretty simple person. I'm just a country guy. I enjoy what I do and I think the way that I coach is the way they play."
JIM WASHBURN, D-LINE COACH

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SHREDDED KNEES

Adrian Peterson, Jamaal Charles and Kenny Britt are three of the best athletes in the world. They are also coming off horrific knee injuries.

As we begin preparations for fantasy drafts, being aware of where stars are at with their major injuries is crucial.

Fantasy sports

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All Day pain

Let's start with timelines. Typically, players not named Wes Welker need a full year before their knee is even 100 percent. Regaining explosion is another story. Charles has the best chance of bouncing back as he snapped his ACL in Week 2 of last season. Peterson and Rashard Mendenhall both went down at the tail end of the year. Britt had his knee reconstructed in October, but recently had more work done.

Risk vs. reward

Even though these four players will come with discounted price tags, there's a lot to overcome here. Even if they're active for Week 1, their entire offseason training has been displaced. They are unlikely to have the same explosion, burst or lateral quickness that made them so special. And coaches may take it easy on workloads. We can't expect anything near previous production levels. It's not worth the headache.

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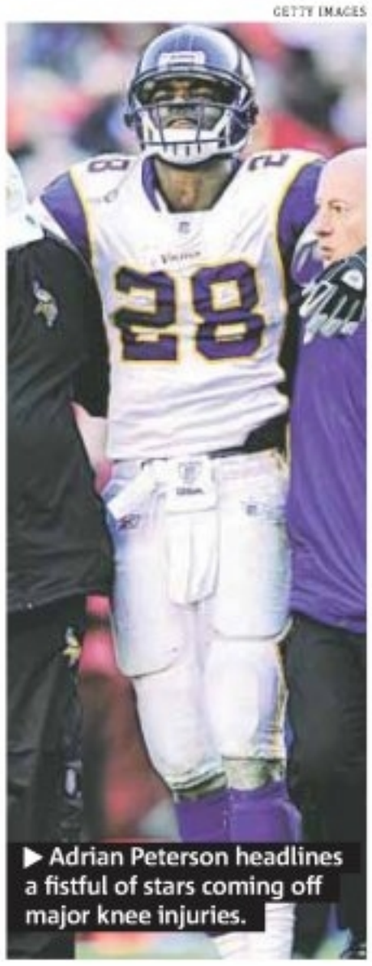

▶ Adrian Peterson headlines a fistful of stars coming off major knee injuries.

MLB pickups

The waiver wire is still popping with value:

1 **Roy Oswalt, SP, TEX —** The seven months off should do Oswalt wonders. Signing with the league's best offense doesn't hurt either.

2 **Coco Crisp, OF, OAK —** Crisp hasn't hit well since coming off the DL, but we know he's going to run. Crisp has 56 steals in his last 162 games.

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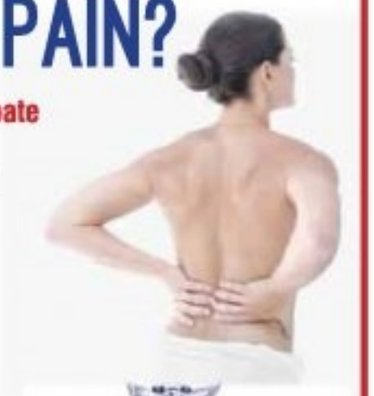

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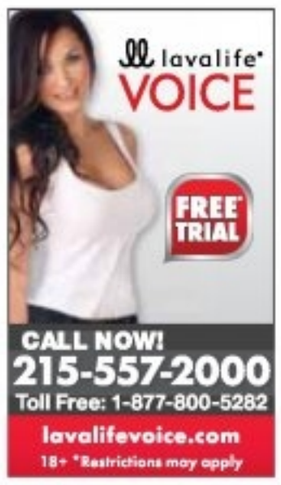

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